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REMARKS

As indicated by the Cross-reference to Related Applications, the instant application is a continuation of prior co-pending allowed U.S. utility application serial No. 08/706,134 filed on 08/30/96. As provided by rule 53, the declaration filed in that case has been filed herewith.

Since independent claims 1; 3, 7; and 4 of the instant application are respectively patterned on allowed independent claims 8; 15; and 18 of co-pending U.S. utility application serial No. 08/706,134, it is believed that new independent claims 1, 3, 4, and 7, together with their dependent claims 2, 5, and 6, are also in allowable condition, and need not be further discussed.

If the Examiner believes the present claims are not patentably distinct over those of co-pending application serial No. 08/706,134, the applicants would be willing to file a terminal disclaimer upon an indication of allowable subject matter in the instant appliation.

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Reconsideration, re-examination and early allowance of claims

1 through 7 are accordingly respectfully requested.

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